

28. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the extract is from *Combretum aphanopetalum* and the virus is HSV-1 or HSV-2.

AA 29. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the extract is from *Alchornea cordifolia* and the virus is HIV-1, HSV-1 or HSV-2.

30. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the extract is from *Elaeophorbia drupifera* and the virus is HIV-1, HSV-1 or HSV-2.

REMARKS

The paragraph on page 1 referring to related applications has been amended to refer to parent application USSN 09/319,545 filed on June 9, 1999.

The claims from the parent application have been deleted and new claims 19-30 have been added. New independent claim 19 is directed to a method comprising contacting a virus-infected cell with an extract from a plant selected from the group consisting of *Ocimum gratissimum*, *Ficus polita*, *Clausena anisata*, *Alchornea cordifolia*, *Sansevieria liberica*, *Combretum aphanopetalum* and *Elaeophorbia drupifera* in an amount effective to inhibit cytopathic effects of the virus. Support for this claim can be found, for example, on pages 7 and 18 of the specification. New claims 20-30 all depend ultimately from claim 1. Support for these claims can be found, for example, on pages 7-10 and 18.

The Applicant points out that the new claims are not directed to a method for treating AIDS or HIV infection. Rather, the claims are directed to a method for inhibiting the cytopathic effects of viruses.

No new matter has been introduced by way of the amendments or new claims.

Please find together with this letter a Petition for Extension of Time and the Application Transmittal Form.

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